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SUBJECT: WORLD BANK/IMF ANNUAL MEETINGS

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1. HIGHEST LEVEL KUWAITI OFFICIAL DEALING WITH THESE MEETINGS  
PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN KUWAIT, FINANCE MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY  
SHAIKH ALI KHALIFA AL-SABAH, TOLD US AUGUST 17 THAT HE DID  
NOT ANTICIPATE KUWAIT'S RAISING ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS  
EITHER IN THE PLENARY SESSION OR DIRECTLY WITH SENIOR  
BANK/FUND OFFICIALS. HE ALSO DID NOT FEEL THAT THERE WOULD BE  
ANY MAJOR BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL ISSUES TO BE RAISED  
WITH US DELEGATION.

2. KUWAITI DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY FINANCE MINISTER ABDULRAHMAN  
SALEM AL-ATEEQI AND WILL INCLUDE THE GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL  
BANK HAMZA ABBAS HUSSAIN AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE KUWAIT  
FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ABDULLATIF AL-HAMAD. IT  
WILL ALSO INCLUDE OFFICIALS FROM THE FINANCE MINISTRY AND  
PERHAPS FOREIGN MINISTRY, BUT THESE HAVE NOT YET BEEN NAMED.  
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3. KUWAIT IS UNLIKELY TO ASK FOR BILATERAL MEETING WITH  
SENIOR USG OFFICIALS. HOWEVER SINCE TREASURY SECRETARY  
BLUMENTHAL AND UNDERSECRETARY SOLOMON WILL BE MAKING THEIR  
FIRST VISIT TO KUWAIT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WORLD  
BANK/IMF ANNUAL MEETINGS, IT STRIKES US THAT A GESTURE  
ON THEIR PART OF MAKING A POINT TO ENGAGE IN SHORT CON-

VERSATION WITH ATEEQI AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY WOULD BE USEFUL. A BRIEF, PURELY COURTESY CALL-BILATERAL WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL WOULD BE EVEN MORE SO.

4. WHILE KUWAITIS HAVE NOT RAISED ANY SPECIFIC ISSUES WITH US NOR DO WE BELIEVE THEY HAVE ANY REAL CONCERN (SEE SEPTTEL), THE POSITION OF THE DOLLAR AND THE US BALANCE OF TRADE DEFICIT IS AN OBVIOUS MATTER OF INTEREST TO THEM. THE MORE THEY LEARN ABOUT THE US POSITION ON THIS MATTER FROM TREASURY AND DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, THE BETTER IT WILL BE.

5. KUWAID FUND DIRECTOR ABDULLATIF AL-HAMAD IS HIGHLY ARTICULATE AND PROBABLY THE MOST SEASONED OF ALL ARAB WORLD OFFICIALS DEALING IN ASSISTANCE MATTERS, HAVING BEEN HEAD OF THE KUWAIT FUND SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1961. IF TIME PERMITTED, CONTACT WITH HIM MIGHT BE ARRANGED BY DEPUTY AID ADMINISTRATOR NOOTER OR THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE NEAR EAST. WE BELIEVE SUCH A MEETING COULD BE QUITE PROFITABLE SINCE THE KUWAIT FUND CONTRIBUTES TO MANY PROJECTS IN COUNTRIES WHERE AID IS ALSO ACTIVE.  
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